

experienced by these high school leavers. In addition, the study includes reasons given by these young people for leaving high school, as well as their experiences of coping in contemporary society without a high school diploma.

- **Name of the Study/Data Set: Tennessee Highway Crash Data Base**
Sponsor: Tennessee Department of Safety
Source: Tennessee Department of Safety
Description: Information is available on the characteristics of highway crashes throughout the state, compiled by year. Categories of data include characteristics of the crash, roadway, environmental conditions, vehicles, and persons. Data for 1993-1995 were used in the current analysis.

- **Name of the Study/Data Set: Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System, 1995**
Sponsor: Tennessee Department of Health and Tennessee Department of Education
Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Description: The Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System includes both a national school-based survey conducted by CDC as well as state and local school-based surveys conducted by state and local education agencies. The system monitors six categories of priority health-risk behaviors among youth and young adults: behaviors that contribute to unintentional and intentional injuries; tobacco use; alcohol and other drug use; sexual behaviors that contribute to unintended pregnancy and STD's, including HIV infection; unhealthy dietary behaviors; and physical inactivity. The 1995 national school-based survey used a three-stage cluster sample design to produce a nationally representative sample of students in grades 9-12. A total of 10,904 questionnaires were completed in 110 schools. The 1995 Tennessee high-school survey used a two-stage cluster sample design. A total of 3,197 students completed usable questionnaires. Tennessee's 1995 data are unweighted due to the low overall response rate. The data provide a description of the priority health-risk behaviors of the high school survey participants.

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